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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
(MFA) ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S 7 JUNE SPEECH  
ON US-SOVIET

REF: USICA 10783

1. SENIOR GSL MFA OFFICIAL ASKED CHARGE FOR SPEECH TEXT AS  
SOON AS AVAILABLE WHICH WAS HAND DELIVERED TO HIM BY ICA.  
ON 9 JUNE HE INFORMED CHARGE THAT HE HAD SENT SPEECH TO PRE-  
SIDENT JAYEWARDENE WITH NOTE MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:  
-- IN THIS SPEECH PRESIDENT CARTER TOLD THE SOVIETS "WHERE  
TO GET OFF".  
-- PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO INTENDED TO SATISFY U.S. PUBLIC  
OPINION THAT HE WAS EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING TO MOSCOW US  
RESOLVE IN THE FACE OF SOVIET BEHAVIOUR.  
-- TO CLARIFY THE CONFUSED PUBLIC DEBATE ABOUT THE RE-  
LATIONSHIP BETWEEN SALT AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA,  
PRESIDENT CARTER SPECIFIED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO AUTOMATIC  
LINKAGE, HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE U.S. SENATE APPROVAL OF A SALT  
AGREEMENT, GIVEN RISING U.S. PUBLIC CONCERN OVER SOVIET ACTI-  
VITIES IN AFRICA.

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-- OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SRI LANKA IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
REFERENCE TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND CUBAN MILITARY IN-  
VOLVEMENT IN AFRICA.  
-- THE SOVIETS RESPONDED QUICKLY (VIA TASS) TO PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S SPEECH "SO THEY DID GET THE MESSAGE".

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY SMALL NUMBER

OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH GLOBAL QUESTIONS IN THIS NON-  
ALIGNED COUNTRY. IT HELPFULLY CLARIFIES FOR THEM U.S. STANCE  
ON ISSUES IN WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST, E.G. US-SOVIET  
ARMS CONTROL AND "NON-ALIGNED" CUBA'S ACTIVITIES. WE ARE  
FINDING IT MOST HELPFUL IN EXPLAINING BALANCED USG POLICIES  
ON THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS COVERED.  
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